

Amendments to the Claims:

1. ~~Method A method~~ for continuously producing a laminate ~~[(165)]~~ with at least one powder layer ~~[(10)]~~, wherein a first layer (167) is supplied to a second layer (168), and wherein the powder layer (10) is applied at least to the first layer, ~~characterized in that~~ and wherein before arranging the second layer on the powder layer (10) and the first layer, a portion of the powder layer (10) is removed from the first layer, thereby producing powder layers that are separated from one another.

2. Method of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a binder ~~[(164)]~~ is arranged at least in strips between separated powder layers for producing a transverse seal ~~[(170)]~~ of the laminate.

3. Method of claim 1 ~~[[or 2, characterized in that]]~~ wherein at least one binder feed device is used for applying to the first layer a first binder in the longitudinal direction for producing a longitudinal seal, and ~~that~~ a second binder feed device is used for applying to the second layer a second binder for producing a transverse seal upon contact of the second binder with the first layer.

4. Method of claim 1, ~~[[2, or 3, characterized in that]]~~ wherein, for the transverse seal ~~[(170)]~~, a longitudinal seal ~~[(171)]~~ of the laminate is continuously produced.

5. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the binder (164) is arranged at least in part discontinuously.

6. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein at least one portion of the seal is mechanically produced, with the binder producing a mechanically acting bond between the first and the second layer.

7. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein an adhesive is applied at least in part to the second layer, which is subsequently supplied to the first layer carrying the powder layer  $[(10)]$ .

8. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the first layer  $[(167)]$  and the second layer  $[(168)]$  are cut only after having totally sealed the powder layer  $[(10)]$ .

9. Method of claim 8, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ the individual, separated and sealed powder layers  $[(10)]$  are deposited, and individual laminates are supplied to further processing.

10. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein completely sealed and spaced powder layers  $[(10)]$  are stored in a coherent manner and subsequently supplied to further processing, in which the sealed powder layers  $[(10)]$  are separated from one another at least in part.

11. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer, at least one material is used that is in a position to influence at least a direct environment of the laminate.

12. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer, at least one absorbent material is used, and ~~that~~ the laminate is produced as an absorbent sheet.

13. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein, as an ingredient for the powder layer at least one odor-influencing material is used.

14. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein, as an ingredient of the powder layer at least one detergent is used.

15. Method of claim 1, ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ wherein, with the powder layer or in the place thereof, a material of a different geometric configuration is applied to the first layer.

16. Apparatus ~~[[ (97) ]]~~ for continuously producing a laminate ~~(110), wherein the apparatus (97) comprises~~ comprising at least one first feed device for supplying a first layer ~~[[ (99) ]]~~, a second feed device for supplying a second layer ~~[[ (101) ]]~~, and a powder feed device, for arranging at least one powder layer between the first layer ~~[[ (99) ]]~~ and the second layer ~~(101), characterized in that~~ wherein a material removing device, ~~in particular a suction device~~ is arranged for removing powder in defined locations from the first layer ~~[[ (99) ]]~~ before supplying the second layer to the first layer, ~~in particular for removing it by suction~~, for producing interruptions along a length of the powder layer.

17. Apparatus for continuously producing a laminate ~~(165), wherein the apparatus comprises~~ comprising at least one first feed device for supplying a first layer ~~[[ (147) ]]~~, a second feed device for supplying a second layer, and a powder feed device for arranging at least one powder layer ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ between the first layer and the second layer, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one crossbar ~~(148) can be~~ is arranged on the first layer ~~[[ (147) ]]~~ crosswise to the direction of movement for forming a boundary surface for the powder that is to be applied, with the crossbar ~~[[ (148) ]]~~ being designed such that a surface on the first layer ~~[[ (147) ]]~~ is kept free, so that the surface can subsequently form a part of a transverse seal ~~[[ (170) ]]~~ of the laminate.

18. Apparatus for continuously producing a laminate, ~~with the apparatus comprising~~ a least one feed device for a first layer, a second feed device for a second layer, and a powder feed device, with the powder feed device arranging a powder on the first layer at least before the second feed device supplies the second layer to the first layer, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a binder feed device for producing a transverse seal is arranged relative the second feed device such that a binder can be applied to one side of the second layer, which is subsequently bonded to one side of the first layer, to which a powder layer has been applied.

19. Apparatus ~~[(97)]~~ of claim 16, wherein ~~claims 16, 17, or 18,~~ characterized in that a depositing device is arranged downstream, which receives the individual or interconnected powder layers that are separated from one another by being totally sealed.

20. Apparatus ~~(97) of one of claims 16 to 19,~~ characterized in that ~~the apparatus, in particular a depositing device comprises~~ of claim 16, additionally including detection means, which permit distinguishing sections of the laminate with and without a powder layer.

21. ~~Laminate (165) with~~ A laminate comprising at least one first layer ~~[(167)]~~, a second layer ~~[(169)]~~, and a powder layer ~~[(168),]~~ which is arranged between the first layer ~~[(167)]~~ and the second layer ~~[(169),~~ characterized in that~~]]~~ and including a longitudinal seal and a transverse seal [(170)] that comprises at least in part a different binder than ~~[[a]] the~~ longitudinal seal.

22. Laminate ~~The laminate~~ of claim 21, wherein one of said seals has a breaking strength greater than that of the other said seal ~~characterized in that a force that is to be applied for destroying a transverse seal (170) is greater than a force that is to be applied in the case of a longitudinal seal (171), or vice versa.~~

23. ~~Laminate (165) of claim 21 or 22,~~ characterized in that ~~the laminate~~ The laminate of claim 21 which additionally includes a marking means, which permits detecting which defines a cutting line.

24. ~~Laminate produced in accordance with one of claims 1-23,~~ characterized in that ~~the laminate forms~~ The laminate of claim 21 in the form of an absorbent pad or cloth.

25. ~~Laminate produced in accordance with one of claims 1-23,~~ characterized in that ~~the laminate forms~~ The laminate of claim 21 in the form of a scented pad or cloth.

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26. ~~Laminate produced in accordance with one of claims 1-23, characterized in that~~  
~~the laminate forms~~ The laminate of claim 21 in the form of a detergent pad or cloth.